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Haliburton's women's soccer league kicks off the season on page 3.

**Dancing on stage**
Skyline Dance Studio dancers showed off their hard work from the past season on page 4.

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Grade 12 graduates hit the dance floor for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's prom held at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Saturday, June 8. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

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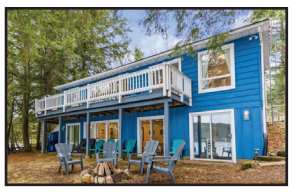

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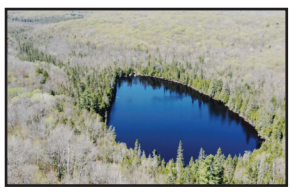

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# Haliburton Home Hardware Building Centre's June artist feature, Kalei Gutkind

Kalei is a self-taught artist who has experimented with a variety of different mediums, with a particular focus on abstract painting and knitting.

Growing up, Kalei was immersed in the world of art, often creating alongside her mother. Kalei was taught how to knit at a young age by her Nana. This fostered her deep appreciation for creativity and artistry.

Kalei loves working with colour, and pulls much of her inspiration from the sky and ocean. A lot of her art is abstract, so every piece is unique. Additionally, Kalei enjoys browsing at thrift stores, finding vinyls, CDs, and VHS tapes to repurpose. She breathes a new life into these materials using her artistic techniques, creating a vibrant hit of nostalgia.

Kalei's creations will be displayed at Haliburton Home Hardware for the month of June. Art is available for purchase.

Find Kalei on Instagram to check out more of her creations @Kaleis_art

Colour featured; Citron

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# Women's soccer league welcomes newcomers

**VIVIAN COLLINGS**
*County Life* Editor

Kathy Judson started the Haliburton Grassroots Athletics soccer leagues three years ago, and the women's league has started up on Sundays at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

For the third year in a row, Haliburton Grassroots Athletics women's soccer league has offered a welcoming community to women spending the summer in the Highlands.

In 2021, Kathy Judson, a newer resident to Haliburton County, saw a gap in women's athletics in Haliburotn County.

"I've started women's leagues in Windsor and Paris, France. We had women from all over the world play in that one, and it really showed how important it is to bring women in a community together in organized sports," Judson said. "When I moved to Haliburton, I was surprised that there wasn't a specific women's league. It's important for communities to have soccer."

Judson said it's the perfect way for women of all ages to come together and connect, setting aside other worries and responsibilities to have fun on the field.

"Women really need it as a fun, competitive outlet and social sweat. Co-ed is great to play, but it really does have a different vibe and different pace. Our league is so much more about the community part of it, and not just the soccer itself," Judson said.

Women that play in the league come back year after year.

"My daughter has played in girls' leagues her whole life," said player Chaundra Vasseur. "This opportunity we have to share this sport together is invaluable. I would have never played in organized soccer if it weren't for this league. The community of women that we are welcomed into is like no other."

Another yearly player said playing on Sundays is the highlight of their week.

"I love the women's league. It has a different pace and feel than co-ed, and it is a high level of play, effort, and damn good fun," said Corina Hall Mansfield.

Along with the women's league, Judson also started a successful children's league.

Both play at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Field.

"The variety is very special. I only have a couple more years to wait until my daughters get to be out on the field with us, and I can't wait," Judson said.

To register for both the women's and children's leagues, visit the Dysart et al website or email kathy@sweat-bank.com.

"There's a lot of teaching and a lot of learning on the field between the different levels of players. We have people who have never played soccer before, and people who played at the college level. We also have so many different age groups out there. We encourage anyone and everyone interested to come out and play," Judson said.

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## Skyline stars

Skyline Dance Studio's Year End Recital included performances from all recreational programs as well as competitive hip hop, musicle theatre, tap, jazz, and ballet on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

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# Master Gardeners publish book on ecological landscaping

**THOMAS SMITH**
*County Life* Staff

Carolyn Langdon has been coordinator for Haliburton COunty Master Gardeners for the past four years.

"I've been involved with the organization for 13 years now. Over half the life of the organization. It's been wonderful," said Langdon. "I heard of it through word of mouth. When you have a passion or interest in gardening and nature, you hear about things in the community. It just came about that it was a good organization to join."

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners are a group of passionate volunteers who are local experts in gardening. They are experts in taking up the challenge of gardening on the Canadian Shield. Originally, Master Gardeners of Ontario was created by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and OMAFRA to meet the needs of home gardeners. Haliburton County master Gardeners frequently provide events in which the public may attend to gain information on gardening and renaturalizing their gardens. They also offer a consultation service in which you can have Master Gardeners visit your property where they will assess your land and provide recommendations to suit your needs including waterfront assessments and solving erosion problems. Assessments are done through donation with $50 per hour being recommended for their services and expertise.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners currently has 16 members. The group is considered small under the umbrella organization Master Gardeners of Ontario. Master gardeners study horticulture extensively and continually learn through training.

"We have two categories in which we work. One is gardening for food security. We provide advice. On SUnday May 2 we provided a workshop at the Minden Community Gardens. They were set up by the Minden Community Food Bank. We organized an exchange of seedlings, people could exchange them for others. There was a demonstration on how to properly transplant seedlings into the garden," said Langdon.

Carolyn Langdon stands with the Haliburton County Master Gardeners booth at the 45th annual Haliburton Home & Cottage Show. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

With around 35 people attending, Langdon says it was a very successful event.

"The other thing the organization does is gardening in harmony with nature. This is such a good goal for an organization in such a natural setting. The Haliburton Highlands have over 600 lakes and numerous rivers. It is natural for people to take a natural approach to their properties."

This May, the Haliburton County Master Gardeners have published a guidebook titled Guidebook to Ecological Landscaping in the Highlands. The book offers tips on renaturalizing your property, how to keep it naturalized, increasing biodiversity, and embracing the local landscape into your garden plans.

"We are very proud of the publication because it is based on all original writing and it is based on our experience and information," said Langdon. "Information that property owners can get nowhere else."

The book was written collaboratively by members of the Haliburton County master Gardeners.

"We have different skills and experiences," said Langdon. The group also copyrighted the book and got an ISBN number.

It is an information product and we just want it available publicly, said Langdon.

"Many plants are not natural and pose a challenge in the Highlands."

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners are responsible for the self-guided tour called "Stepping into Nature". This self-guided multimedia tour along the Minden boardwalk explores local fauna and flora that call Minden home. Information about plants, insect information, gardening tips, and audio stories are included.

Now that the Minden Boardwalk has been repaired and restored, the Haliburton County master Gardeners hope to extend the self-guided tour. There is also talk about a self-guided tour in Wilberforce.

"We are contributing and benefiting the environment," said Langdon. "Natural plants improve water quality of our lakes and our wetlands. They are really important to the environment."

Langdon says that bloodroot, wild columbine, bellwort and bunchberry are highly recommended for gardens in Haliburton County.

The Guide to Ecological Landscaping in the Haliburton Highlands is available at the local libraries and can be purchased at Rail's End Gallery,. County Rose Garden Centre, Grounded Gardens at the Lucas House, Abbey Gardens, Rising Thymes, and Pine Reflection Garden Centre. The guidebook costs $10 tax included.

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## In the dumps

**DEBORAH J REED**
Special to *County Life*

I hold a perverse fascination for rural garbage dumps. As with so many other tragedies of civilization, I've hardened myself to walk with chronic darkness towards something akin to surrender.

Dumps are now landfills. Despite their apparent chaos, they feature an efficiency of design, plus curving paths which guide a rubbish-loaded vehicle up, down and through some clearly illusory mountains.

I wish those false mountains didn't exist. I wish all refuse were biodegradable, healthy in final form, and not requiring natural space and energy for its management. But we are consumers.

Predictably, locals and I often hit gold in a landfill. Although it's illegal to remove anyone's trash, it's not hard to spot surprises. Many poke out like random jewels with rescue me voices. So we swiftly secrete them into our idling vehicles. This way, I've been able to scrounge a perfectly workable iron boot-rack, firewood holder, child's rideable plastic Mercedes, stepladders, a wild grapevine wreath, books, antique bottles, lawn-chairs, storage tubs, and a tarp.

Despite their questionable poetic beauty and treasure potential, and those jolly workers who sometimes create charming art out of reorganized trash bits, dumps can also traumatize. I once beheld a set

of splayed moose legs, roughly butchered from their boreal owner, and left in the sun near the top of the designated household waste hill.

I'm personally compelled to compost almost every single organic molecule from my kitchen and woodstove for my lawns and gardens. It's nature-logic to me. I give away or sell any still-healthy, but excess possession. It looks like much of what is tossed into a dump could be reused or repaired. Those behemoth recycling bins are handy advertisements of human predilections, of convenience, and of typical contemporary faster-paced life-management. I note hundreds of fizzy drink cans, plastic water bottles and fast food containers. There's still so much styrofoam. Toys. Clothing. Cardboard delivery boxes and packing materials. Wood. Whole boards inside scrap piles might help build something, or warm somebody. I know of one elderly woman for whom the rules are bent so she can discreetly 'pilfer' kindling.

Imminently, this dump will become full. Closed. Plowed over. Nature will comfort itself by once again crocheting her wide green tangle all over it. It'll soon look like another rural hill, toxic underneath, but Irish-emerald in spring, pristine and magically silent among the evergreens through winter.

But there's ironic privilege here. Where nature's been molested (those moose legs haunt me always), I've been able to photograph close-up wildlife, all conveniently in one place. I'd never argue that a dump does them good, but I've almost been relieved that there still seem to be plenty enough black bears, bald eagles, turkey vultures, rodents, their mammalian predators, reptiles, curious deer, beetles, bees, raccoons, and herring gulls far from sea to remind me that some creatures are still undefeated. A dump is their fast food. They must become adaptive in environments which threaten them.

Maybe I could borrow gumption from their willingness to survive.

## Top 10 reasons be more positive about rainy days

WE'VE BEEN getting a lot of rain lately and it's easy to get depressed about it.

Luckily, rainy days aren't all dark clouds and mud.

**STEVE GALEA**
Humour Columnist

Here are the top 10 reasons to be more positive about rainy days.

1. It's an ideal opportunity to try out that new soap and towel.
2. Finally, a chance to do your Fred Astaire imitation.
3. Easy to tell who uses inexpensive hair dye.
4. It's nice to see happy umbrella enthusiasts.
5. Finally, a chance to show off what your expensive windshield wipers can do.
6. Optimum conditions for splashing pedestrians.
7. The bait collecting is about to get good. Real good.
8. You get to hear different complaints from farmers.
9. Now whose laughing about your ark?
10. You can finally use the word galoshes.

## Shells

Clam shells splayed like the wings of butterflies, strewn across the sand,
sunlight polishing their hollowed insides, that gleam like morning Sky,
smears of rose and mauve, smudged across the pearl of shell, as I nestle it in my hand,
standing still as the seagull that lingers on the shore, peering out at the blurry border between Lake and Sky,
surrounded by stray feathers that its flock leaves behind, before their wings take flight,
a flurry of squawks, rumpling Air, as they flap higher and higher into the smoothness of Sky,
passing a pair of geese that descend, honking as they land on the runway of Lake,
their wings, outstretched, in all their feathered glory, before they tuck them back in at their sides,
gliding alongside one another, quiet as the light that bathes the Lake in shimmer,
like the clamless shell I hold in my hand, admiring the iridescence of the inside of the shell,
that blushes, rose, like Sky above me, flecked with specks of seagulls,
that disappear into the horizon in three blinks of an eye, as I glance down at the seagull that remains behind,
wobbling along the shore, passing clam shells, washed up by wavelets from the Lake,
or maybe plucked from the lakebed by the beaks of hungry birds, dropping them onto the shore,
after their insides have been pecked dry, these empty shells,
shaped like the wings of butterflies, displaced on the sand,
some facing down, others facing up, their hollowed insides offered up to prying fingers
to scoop up and nestle in the palm of their hand, tracing the stripes of morning Sky,
painted on the insides of both halves of the shell, with my pinky, marveling at the beauty of its symmetry,
how light it feels in my hand, wondering how much heavier it would be, if the clam were still sealed inside,
my eyes scouring the shore and the shallows, searching for a shell that hasn't been hollowed,
but all I see is butterfly wings, nestled in the lakebed and on the sand, sniffing the shell in my hand,
to catch a whiff of the creature that resided inside, but all I smell is brine,
as I place the shell face up in the sand, gleaming in the sunlight,
like the eyes of the pair of strangers that pass me on the shore,
the shells of our flesh, sealing the secrets and mysteries buried deep inside,
shimmering in the darkness like the wings of butterflies,
fluttering towards the light.

*Sylvie Kalenda*

## *Writing on the Senior Side*

# *A sweet pain of a dog*

**GAIL STELTER**

Special to *County Life*

There is a young couple with a dog behind me. We are waiting at the light, I press the button, and then I think why not, I'll try out my "new smile and talk " on these young 'uns. I turn around.

"Hello, doggie." I know it's corny, but starting with the dog is always welcome. You know those dog owners love you to love their dogs. I do like dogs, so it is all good. I smile at the couple. "Lovely day for a walk."

"Oh yes," They smile and respond.

Walking down Highland Street, they are still behind me. I turn and say, "I think your dog would like to walk a little faster. This old lady will step aside."

Now they are almost chuckling and as they go by they say, "Have a nice day."

"You, too."

Maybe I should sit at the dog park. Oh no, I don't have a dog, and my cat doesn't want to go. Someone might think I am a little crazy, and I'm still keeping the lid on that, not a tight lid, just a gentle "lift if you dare" lid.

My "hello doggie" walk and talk got me thinking about having a dog. I almost got a "COVID puppy". At that time, I wanted a black lab puppy. We had a black lab, called Pooch, for seventeen years. We also had two cats. One lived sixteen years and the other seventeen years. The first one was Elizabeth Taylor. We are not formal, so we just called her Liz. Not long after Liz died, Peter and my youngest daughter were out doing Saturday morning errands and then would be stopping at Tim Horton's.

"Do you want anything from Timmy's?"

"Sure, bring me a coffee and a muffin." That muffin was so cute. Yes, it was a kitten and, of course, we called her Muffin. (An aside: four kids, a large dog and a cat and one day my cleaning lady says, "I can't clean your house anymore. I think your house is too busy.") I can't help but laugh. Oh my, my whole life was too busy. I got a new cleaning lady.

"Hello doggie" also reminded me of my childhood dog. Every open door was his invitation. My mom barely had the side door open when he came bouncing up the stairs and made his escape. She yelled, "Hydro!"

She didn't know there were Hydro workers on the pole near our house. They looked over towards her. "Oh, sorry. I was just calling the dog". Mom couldn't stop laughing as she retold this story. It was just one of the many adventures of our sweet pain of a dog.

Who has a dog called Hydro?

Dad was doing his rounds of drop-in visits with acquaintances. He discovered a puppy being kept in a dark basement. The owners did not want the dog and paid no attention to him. His name was someone's idea of a joke as the homeowner worked for Ontario Hydro. My dad, the dog rescuer, offered to take the dog and was excited to surprise us.

Hydro was a happy, good-natured dog. He looked a little like a German Shepherd but we knew he was a mix of many breeds including a collie. He had little brown tear spots on the side of his nose. He knew his name, to which he always eagerly responded, so when he came to our house the name stuck. I was thrilled. My mom, not so much. Oh, she came to love the dog, but Mom knew who would be the one doing everything! Hydro was my buddy. I laid on the living room floor and rested my head on him. I told him stories and he listened. He loved everyone.

When we put him outside on a leash, he proceeded to dig up the front lawn. When we were at work and school we left him downstairs where he would sleep on my brother's bed. He missed us and wanted to check if we were upstairs. He scratched grooves in the closed wooden door. My mom took great pride in her little house. A question began to surface: what to do about Hydro? Not my question. Hydro was my best friend.

"Mrs. Kennedy, your dog is in the schoolyard again. Please come and get him." Hydro liked Humber Bay Public School. Hydro loved all the kids. I didn't go to that school, but the principal knew us and called regularly.

What to do about Hydro…

One morning, when I opened the side door to go to school, Hydro got by me. I was the last to leave, and I was not sure what to do. I didn't know where he had gone so I went to school. That night I learned that, true to form, Hydro headed for the Humber Bay schoolyard. Mom cut through the schoolyard on her walk to the Humber Loop where she got the Queen Streetcar. Hydro was so excited and happy to meet up with her. She grabbed him by the collar, petted him, and he was content to follow her back home. I guess she was late for work that day.

What to do about Hydro…

Dog catchers. They knew him and they were always on the lookout for him. We wondered if one of our neighbours had been calling them. We found this hard to believe as all the kids loved him and knew us. By now they knew he was an escape master. We picked him up at the dog jail … more than once.

We rented a cottage near Minden

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## Legion Events

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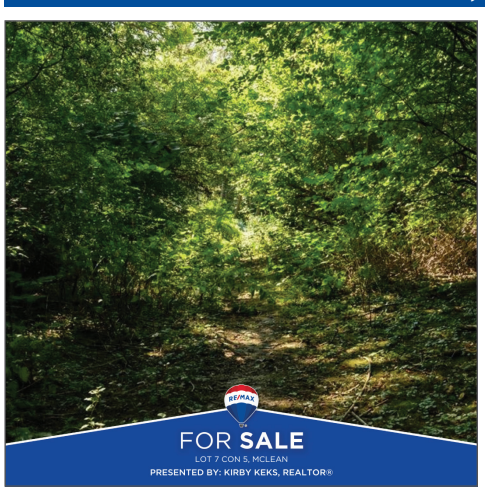


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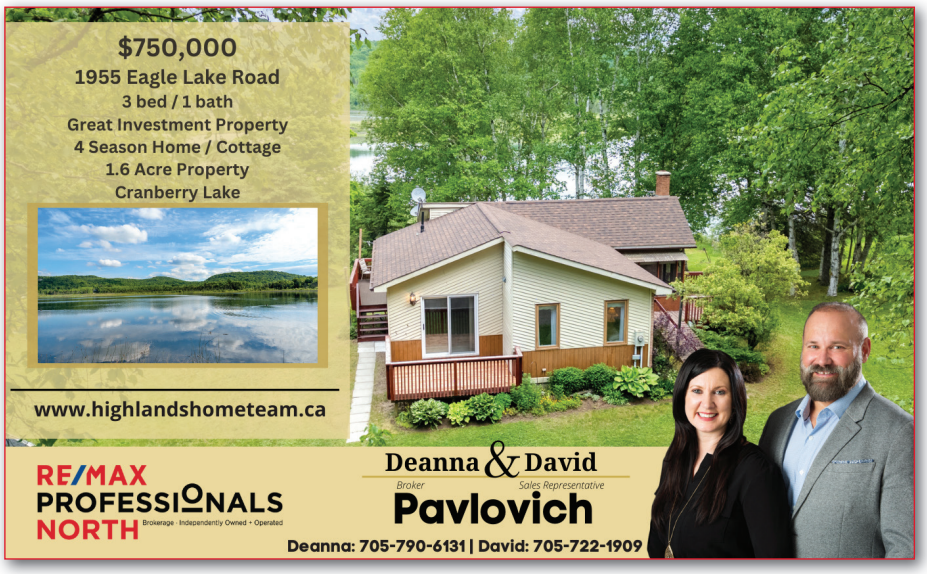

## *Writing on the Senior Side*

# *Memories of Hydro*

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Ontario. The family who owned the cottage lived up the hill where they had a farmhouse and chickens. By this point, you have probably guessed that Hydro got out and found the chickens. What fun he had chasing those chickens! The owner was angry and Hydro was in big trouble! I was embarrassed as I had made friends with Maxine, the owner's daughter. Dad said we will take Hydro with us on our visit to our cousins at the farm in Marmora and maybe we will leave him there. Hydro can't be left. He was a problem dog but he was our problem and we loved him.

What to do about Hydro…

A policeman was at the front door. He presented my dad with a summons. Hydro was under arrest. He was in custody at the dog pound. They are planning to put him down.

In a neighbourhood quite distant from ours, some kids were hitting Hydro with sticks. A teenage girl saw this and went over to stop them. When she got close, Hydro turned and bit her on the hand. Hydro had never bitten anyone before. The girl tried to tell the dog catchers that it was not the dog's fault. She was very upset when they intimated that the dog would be put down. The summons specified the court date and my dad had to take the day off work to go and defend Hydro. The girl and her father also went to court. Hydro was found not guilty and came home. What to do about Hydro…

Hydro continued to run every time someone was not careful when opening the door. Hydro continued to play with all the kids. Little kids liked to ride on his back and he was the neighbourhood "little pony".

One day, he ran and didn't come back. We looked but couldn't find him. Days went by and still, he was not back. Dad said that if the dog catchers had him, he'd be a "goner". It felt better to think of him as having found a new home. I never saw him again. I missed my dog.

Today when I see a dog that reminds me of Hydro, I smile and the image that comes to mind is Hydro with my mom. She is in her see-through plastic raincoat, giving him a bath in the basement wash tub. She is soaked from head to foot and smiling. Hydro does not like baths. He jumps out of the tub and runs. Oh my, she is running after him—such a sweet pain of a dog.

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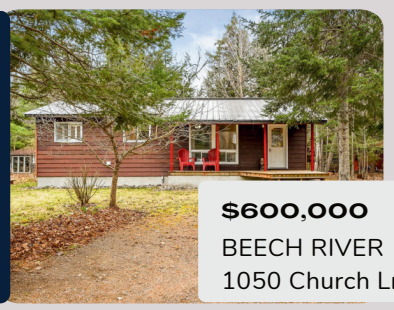

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A cute fox cub. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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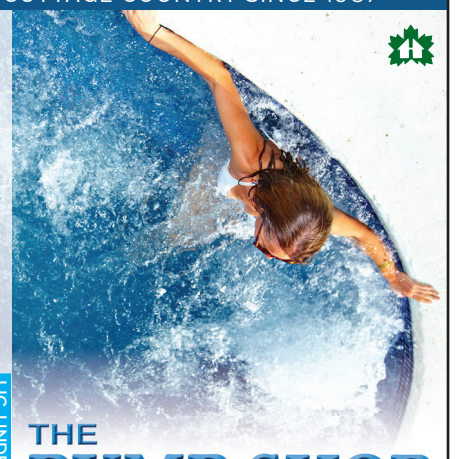

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# Farmers' market proposed

by Jerry Grozelle

A proposal to allow the use of Minden's Village Green, on Main Street behind the CIBC, for a farmers' market on Saturdays during the summer, met with mixed reactions at the Minden Hills council meeting. Stuart Brandon of the Haliburton County Advisory Committee for Marketing and Economic Development asked for council's permission to use the Village Green as a site for local producers to sell their fruits and vegetables. A limited number of local craftspeople would also be allowed to sell the items they make as well.

Councillor Peter Oyler had some reservations at first. He asked Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron how much it cost to sod the

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**READY TO RUN:** The eagerness of the participants in the Tyke Girls 400 metre race shows as they listen for the starter's gun to sound during the Legion Track and Field Meet held Saturday in Haliburton. Elementary school children from throughout the county took part in the competitions. Complete results from the event will appear next in next week's edition.

# *First Trails information kiosk opens*

**A VIEW FROM ABOVE:** The official opening of the Trails and Tours kiosk on Highway 35 at the Noble Motel was captured from the bucket of a Hydro One cherry picker. Bob and RoseThompson, who provided the location for the kiosk are seen in the centre of the group, cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Photo by Lori Roberts

by Jerry Grozelle

A grand opening ceremony for the Trails and Tours Network kiosks was held at the site in Lutterworth Township, next to the Noble Motel. Close to 50 people were on hand for the festivities Wednesday, May 25.

Rachel Gillooly, Co-ordinator of the Haliburton County Trails and Tours Network, acknowledged the assistance of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, its staff and directors, for their contributions in support of the Trails and Tours Network and its staff. "It's an excellent example of a day-to-day partnership," she said.

Gillooly read a message from Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray. "Congratulations and warm wishes on the official opening of the new information kiosks. This truly is a step forward for Haliburton County in promoting Haliburton County's premier trails and tours network. The addition of the

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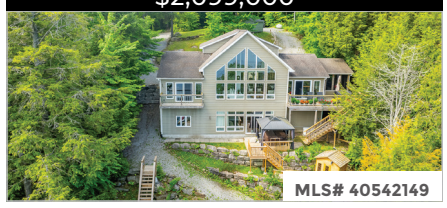

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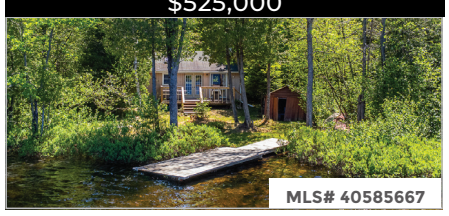

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